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Focus Macomb 'Quality of Life' committee gets new co-chairs

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Two executives from New Baltimore and Chesterfield Township will serve as the co-chairs for the Quality of Life Committee of Focus Macomb.

The Quality of Life Committee co-chairs are Karen Parenteau, associate vice president and sales operations at Detroit-based Health Alliance Plan, and Paul Socia, president and CEO of Citizens State Bank of New Baltimore.

Focus Macomb is a group of nearly 100 leaders in business, healthcare, education and government, who discuss issues affecting the county's economic growth and make recommendations for change. The group held its inaugural meeting in March and now is forming committees and appointing co-chairs.

The Quality of Life Committee will examine issues that affect the way that people feel about living and working in Macomb County.

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Parenteau, a Chesterfield Township resident, was an account executive at Aetna in Southfield before joining HAP. Parenteau has a bachelor's degree in Personnel Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy and a master's degree from Oakland University.

Socia, who lives in New Baltimore was promoted to president and CEO of Citizens State Bank in 2003. He has a bachelor of science in Business Administration from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Banking.

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 834,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.